

City of Buffalo

City Council Meeting

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

City of Buffalo Council Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Steckler, Haseleu, Lawson; Guests present: Auditor Richman, Deputy Manning, Jeffrey Ebsch (via phone), Mari Ketterer, Kittie Curfman, Bill VonBank, and Neil Hanson

Motion to approve minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to approve the agenda as stated with modifications and deviate as needed by Lawson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU

Discussion held with B. VonBank regarding *dismantled vehicles with junk stored in and on vehicles, unlicensed vehicles, building materials, dismantled equipment and parts* at both his business and residential properties. All has been taken care of and cleaned up.

Discussion held with K. Curfman regarding *dilapidated and dismantled vehicles in an unconcealed storage space, tires, auto parts, junk and debris* on their property. Most of the mowers, tires and batteries have been cleaned up. The only thing left by the garage is the grill. There are tricycles that need to remain for grandchildren. There is a trailer filled with toy type items on top that belong to Jay. The boat needs to have "I got junk" come out. Since an effort has been made to clean up items, council has agreed to another month to clean these items up.

Discussion held with N. Hanson regarding *unlicensed vehicles, no access to the fire hydrant, vehicles blocking the alleyway, junk, debris, miscellaneous items* on his residential property and *unlicensed vehicle(s), building materials, junk, debris and exposed scrap* on his elevator property. Neil stated he hadn't completed much. Council agreed to provide one additional month otherwise, council will clean items up, no excuses within the residential property.

Motion to approve the financial report and pay the monthly bills by Steckler seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

- Airborne \$1017.50; AgriValley Insurance \$1,355; BND \$5,750; BEK \$91.62; Cass Rural Water \$1,713.05; Cardmember Services \$213.86; City of Fargo \$14; Cass County Reporter \$62.39; Kent Jensen \$1,874; KGR \$417.57; Moore Engineering \$1,487.50; Ottetail \$364.36; \$870.32; Waste Management \$3,289.24; Xcel \$38.95; ND One Call \$3.90. Payroll for Andel, Richman and Howitz

Renaissance Zone renewal process expires in December a discussion was held regarding if the renewal process would be a benefit to the city in the long run. Moving forward if the choosing

to move forward it will be 50% for 5 years. Council will do some research by contacting the county and state for more information.

Deputy Manning reported on 0 serious in-town calls for service and reminded about Night to Unite on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Park Board – new banners have arrived will start posting in spring 2024, a permanent charcoal grill will be placed near the railroad park from a \$400 donation that was made in memorial. Possible corn hole tournament on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Product Market will begin on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Library, Daycare, Historical Society – no updates

RV Park online reservation through Firefly Reservation has been live since July 7<sup>th</sup> and is working smoothly.

Motion to approve preliminary City Budget 2023 by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Moore Engineer – Jeff reported on the preliminary engineering report can be as part of the SRF loan with a grant if the project with the force main is moved forward. Jeff will be at September meeting to provide a breakdown of the report.

Motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for Bulk Water Ordinance *Bulk water needs will require written request at least 7 business day notice before potential bulk water fulfillment request to the city for potential city and Cass Rural Water* approved by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for Speed Limit Ordinance *encompassing a city-wide speed limit of 15 MPH (other than Main St/Cass County 10)* by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Reviewed late SWG, Jager will talk to account #22 and #77 and request half payment now within 7 days and half by end of month.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM by Lawson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

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Harmony Richman, Auditor